

# **EXHIBIT 1**

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor 1	Eric Ralls
Debtor 2	
(Spouse, if filing)	
United States Bankruptcy Court	Eastern District of Texas
Case number:	24-60504

FILED  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of Texas  
10/28/2024  
Jason K. McDonald, Clerk

Official Form 410  
Proof of Claim

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Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. Do not send original documents; they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

Part 1: Identify the Claim

1. Who is the current creditor?	HI Investments, LLC Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim) Other names the creditor used with the debtor	
2. Has this claim been acquired from someone else?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. From whom?	
3. Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent?	Where should notices to the creditor be sent? HI Investments, LLC Name Attn: Ryan K. French (Taylor Porter Law Firm) 450 Laurel St., 8th Floor Baton Rouge, LA 70801 Baton Rouge, LA 70801 Contact phone 225.381.0262 Contact email ryan.french@taylorporter.com Uniform claim identifier for electronic payments in chapter 13 (if you use one):	Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different) Name Contact phone Contact email
4. Does this claim amend one already filed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) Filed on MM / DD / YYYY	
5. Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Who made the earlier filing?	

6. Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor: _____
7. How much is the claim?	<div>\$ 1248000.00</div> <div>Does this amount include interest or other charges? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).</div>
8. What is the basis of the claim?	<div>Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card. Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c). Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as healthcare information.</div> <div>tort/contract claims, consulting advertising services, money loaned</div>
9. Is all or part of the claim secured?	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.</div> <div><b>Nature of property:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate. If the claim is secured by the debtor's principal residence, file a <i>Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment</i> (Official Form 410-A) with this <i>Proof of Claim</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Motor vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Describe: _____</div> <div><b>Basis for perfection:</b> _____</div> <div>Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)</div> <div><b>Value of property:</b> \$ _____</div> <div><b>Amount of the claim that is secured:</b> \$ _____</div> <div><b>Amount of the claim that is unsecured:</b> \$ _____ (The sum of the secured and unsecured amounts should match the amount in line 7.)</div> <div><b>Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition:</b> \$ _____</div> <div><b>Annual Interest Rate</b> (when case was filed) _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed <input type="checkbox"/> Variable</div>
10. Is this claim based on a lease?	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition. \$ _____</div>
11. Is this claim subject to a right of setoff?	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Identify the property: _____</div>

12. Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Check all that apply:	Amount entitled to priority
A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority. For example, in some categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B).	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$3,350* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$15,150*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5).	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)( ) that applies	\$
* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/25 and every 3 years after that for cases begun on or after the date of adjustment.		

Part 3: Sign Below

The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011(b).

If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.

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Check the appropriate box:

- ☒ I am the creditor.  
☐ I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.  
☐ I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rule 3004.  
☐ I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rule 3005.

I understand that an authorized signature on this Proof of Claim serves as an acknowledgment that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

I have examined the information in this Proof of Claim and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on date 10/28/2024  
MM / DD / YYYY

/s/ Vernon H. Decossas  
Signature

Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

Name	Vernon H. Decossas
	First name Middle name Last name
Title	Principal/Director
Company	HI Investments, LLC
	Identify the corporate servicer as the company if the authorized agent is a servicer
Address	1315 Oakfield Dr., Suite 2817
	Number Street
	Brandon, FL 33509
	City State ZIP Code
Contact phone	813.857.3433
Email	bdecossas@gmail.com